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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced that Adrian Rodriguez, 25, of Woodbridge, Virginia, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge James C. Cacheris to two years supervised probation with conditions of six months home detention with electronic monitoring and a \$2,000 fine for aiding and abetting the production of false identification documents.

Between May 1, 2001, and August 31, 2001, Rodriguez, a former contract security guard for the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, accepted money for acting as a conduit for passing over \$70,000 in bribe payments to John Cruces and another clerk, both Virginia Department of Motor Vehicle employees, to assist hundreds of unqualified illegal aliens from New York, and elsewhere, in obtaining Virginia drivers licenses and drivers instructional permits. Cruces passed the aliens on the required vision and written tests without the tests being given. Cruces also made entries on the DMV computer which enabled many of these unqualified applicants to avoid the required driving test.

Co-defendant John Edwin Cruces previously pled guilty to a charge of production of false identification documents and sentenced to 36 months imprisonment.

The case was investigated by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Special Investigation Unit. Assistant United States Attorney Dennis M. Kennedy handled the prosecution for the United States.